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MEMORANDUM

TO: CFA Members

FROM: Secretary; CHA

SUBJECT: Cancellation of 20 June 1996 Commission Meeting

DATE: 29 May 1996

This will confirm that the Commission meeting scheduled for 20 June 1996 has been cancelled. The Georgetown and Shipstead-Luce Appendices will be sent to you under separate cover.

Our next Commission meeting will be held on **25 July 1996.**

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TO: Members of the Commission of Fine Arts

FROM: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary

SUBJECT: Shipstead-Luce Act and Old Georgetown Act Cases.

Enclosed are the appendices listing recommended actions for Commission approval, which would have been ratified at the Commission's June meeting. Because the meeting in June has been canceled and because the Commission is required to act within a limited time period, I am circulating this list for your review and comment. This way, any delays to the applicant should be avoided.

The Old Georgetown Board and the staff have carefully studied each case for the Georgetown and Shipstead-Luce appendices respectively and note that these cases are in line with the regular body of actions the Commission has rendered in the past. If you have any questions on any particular project, we will be happy to supply additional information.

Please indicate whether or not you approve, and return to us ASAP in the enclosed envelope.

	Approve	Disapprove
Shipstead-Luce Act appendix	_____	_____
Old Georgetown Act appendix	_____	_____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 96-40 HPA. 96-208	3100 Whitehaven Street, N.W. Trustees for Harvard Univ. Center for Hellenic Studies	Alterations to various buildings - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for alterations to Administration Building including corner additions. Recommend deletion of trellis, which appears arbitrary, and submission of landscape plan and location of mechanical equipment. No objection to concept of second floor addition over garage of Director's House. Recommend a simplified design more compatible with existing structure. No objection to concept design for alterations to House "A" and addition to House "D", although a single entrance to a shared vestibule would be more appropriate. Submit working drawings including landscape plan for review when ready.

S.L. 96-43	445 12th Street, S.W. Parcel 49 C Ltd. Part. Portals Phase II	Foundations - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for the construction of a foundation to grade (at Maine Avenue) ONLY. Foundation plans received and dated 4 June 1996 include cast in place pipes, ducts and shafts. Submit when ready the remaining portion of structure for working drawing review.

S.L. 96-44 HPA. 96-237	313 2nd Street, N.E. St. Joseph's Church Church	Handicapped access ramp - permit

ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed handicapped access ramp to main entrance of St. Joseph's Church facing on C Street. Proposed work would be a detriment to the character of this historic building. Recommend further studies of alternatives and new submission with additional information on site restraints.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 96-46	2801 Rock Creek Drive, N.W. Jack Kent Cooke Residence	New driveway, curb-cut and gate - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed curb-cut off McGill Terrace, automatic entrance gate, and asphalt driveway as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 13 June 1996. Driveway follows site contours and will not need retaining walls, minimizing impact on existing trees.

S.L. 96-47	8010 West Beach Drive, N.W. Michael Lerner Residence	New house - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new single family dwelling. Recommend asphalt surface for driveway. Working drawings conform to approved concept. See previous Action (S.L. 96-22).

S.L. 96-49	2600 Virginia Avenue, N.W. JBG Properties Watergate Shops	Handicapped access ramp - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to steps for handicapped access ramp. Recommend new handrails be maintained at a uniform height as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated June 1996.

S.L. 96-50	201 East Capitol Street, S.E. Trustees of Amherst College Folger Shakespeare Library	Glass and canvas awning - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed stepped glass and canvas awnings over handicapped accessible entrance and lift. Working drawings conform in large measure to approved concept. See previous Action (S.L. 96-18). Recommend garage doors adjacent to the entrance be stained to match color of existing gates.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 96-51	740 15th Street, N.W. Carr Real Estate Services American Bar Association	Replacement - permit

ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed painting of copper and bronze details with a faux copper finish. Submit additional information on the proposed restoration or, if necessary, replacement of such elements. Submit separate permit application for a single sign composed of 12 inch high individually pin-mounted bronze letters reading "American Bar Association" over entrance. Second, larger sign at building cornice and bronze plaques at entrance are not appropriate and should be deleted from proposal.

S.L. 96-52	4155 Linnean Avenue, N.W. Marjorie Merriweather Post Foundation of D.C. Hillwood Museum	Foundation, site work and grading - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for the construction of foundations to grade, site work and grading in coordination with proposed parking garage deck, orientation building and greenhouse addition. Commission has reviewed and approved a concept design for these structures. See previous Action (S.L. 96-03). Submit working drawings for the remaining portion of the structures for review when ready.

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

ADDENDUM

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 96-44 HPA. 96-237	313 2nd Street, N.E. St. Joseph's Church Church	Handicapped access ramp - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed handicapped access ramp to entrance of St. Jospeh's Church facing on C Street as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated July 1996.

S.L. 96-49	2600 Virginia Avenue, N.W. JBG Properties Watergate Shops	Handicapped access ramp - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to steps for handicapped access ramp as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 27 June 1996 which indicate uniform height for new handrails. Materials will match existing.

S.L. 96-51	740 15th Street, N.W. Carr Real Estate Services American Bar Association	Replacement - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed restoration of cast iron and metal work, including replacement of such elements where necessary. Submit for review separate sign application.

OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 96-45 HPA. 96-105	3328 N Street, N.W. Shirley Johnson Residence	Second floor side addition - conceptual

ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case O.G. 96-89.

O.G. 96-64 HPA. 96-162	1659 35th Street, N.W. Basil and Patricia Gogos Papa John's Pizza	Alterations, awning and fence - permit

Action: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed exterior work, including alterations, awning, sign, fence and lighting as shown in this specific application. Noting community concerns over lack of handicapped accessibility and requests for zoning review with respect to use, the Commission's role is to focus on design issues. As such, the Commission has taken the position that any changes to this property must enhance the historic residential character of the surrounding neighborhood. In this light, the current submission fails to appropriately address the architectural integrity of the building, the streetscape and the historic district. Specific objections include running a floor line across the existing windows and the principal corner entrance, resulting in a "fake" facade having an entrance canopy over a false door, and failing to show the design of a handicapped accessible entrance for the use of the employees and restaurant patrons in the working drawings.

O.G. 96-67 HPA. 96-170	1339 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Nations Bank	Alterations for new ATM - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed enlargement of existing ATM as well as proposed new awnings, exterior lighting and signs as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 12 June 1996.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 96-77 HPA. 96-184	30th and K Street, N.W. Georgetown Waterfront Hotel	New building - revised design - conceptual

ACTION: Returned without Action. Case was withdrawn by applicant.

O.G. 96-78 HPA. 96-184	3000 M Street, N.W. la Madeleine of Maryland la Madeleine French Bakery and Cafe	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 24 May 1996. Two signs of individually pin-mounted letters of an average 12 inches in height reading "la Madeleine French Bakery & Cafe" are located on M and 30th Streets.

O.G. 96-79 HPA. 96-203	1659 35th Street, N.W. Basil and Patricia Gogos Papa John's Pizza	Awning sign - permit

ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit. For explanation, see case O.G. 96-64.

O.G. 96-85 HPA. 96-209	1415 29th Street, N.W. Philip Huber Residence	Alterations to garden shed - permit

ACTION: Returned without Action. Proposed work is not visible from public space. Refer to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

O.G. 96-86 HPA. 96-211	1324 35th Street, N.W. Robert Coquis Residence	Garden wall and parking pad gates - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed off-alley parking pad, brick garden walls and solid panel gates.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 96-87 HPA. 96-214	1301 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Ethel Gantz Restaurant	Replace windows with bi-fold doors - permit

ACTION: Recommend **AGAINST** issuance of permit for proposed alterations to this structure which would be a detriment to the integrity of its historic character, a prototype "Little Tavern" with enamel panel exterior walls and distinctive neon signs. The Commission notes that there is a long history of alterations proposed for this simple corner building, many of which have been denied in an attempt to preserve the character of the structure as originally constructed. It is recommended that any future work show a clear understanding and respect for the original architecture of this historic little building.

O.G. 96-88 HPA. 96-215	3212 Volta Place, N.W. rear Kathryn and Robert McPhail Residence	Alterations and addition to garage building - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations and addition to an existing garage structure. Working drawings conform in large measure to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 96-60).

O.G. 96-89 HPA. 96-216	3328 N Street, N.W. Shirley Johnson Residence	Second floor side addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed second floor side addition which will project no more than five (5) feet in line with the existing side wall at the front of the house. Note: the Foundation for the Preservation Of Historic Georgetown holds an EASEMENT on this property and has approved the project. (See attached letter.)

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 96-92 HPA. 96-219	3103 M Street, N.W. The Levy Group Thom Brown	New storefront - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to the existing storefront, including projecting sign reading "Thom Brown".

O.G. 96-94 HPA. 96-221	2903 P Street, N.W. Barbara Timken Residence	Fence replacement - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed 6'-6" high board replacement fence which is to be stained white.

O.G. 96-96 HPA. 96-223	1408 31st Street, N.W. Ellen Charles Residence	Alterations and rear addition - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations, rear addition, garden walls and paving. Working drawings conform in large measure to approved concept. See previous Action (O.G. 96-53).

O.G. 96-97 HPA. 96-225	1545 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Chevy Chase Bank	New bank building - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new bank building, including paving and landscape design, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 19 July 1996. Erect sample panel on site for final material approval. (Materials recommended include natural limestone, granite, and Cushwa Victorian 101 Brick with mortar the color of the proposed limestone.)

STATUS REPORT

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 95-152 HPA. 95-431	3513 N Street, N.W. Holy Trinity Church	Additions, new construction and razing - revised concept

STATUS: On HOLD for CFA meeting 25 July 1996.

O.G. 96-71 HPA. 96-176	1421 37th Street, N.W. Georgetown University Poulton Hall	Alterations for new child care center - permit

STATUS: On HOLD for Old Georgetown Board meeting 11 July 1996 for further discussion at the request of the applicant.

O.G. 96-75 HPA. 96-179	3028 Dent Place, N.W. Sally Colby Residence	Alterations to rear porch and front facade - conceptual

STATUS: Postponed till Old Georgetown Board meeting 11 July 1996 at the request of the applicant.

O.G. 96-90 HPA. 96-217	2620 P Street, N.W. Herbert Miller Residence	Curb-cut and off-street parking pads- conceptual

STATUS: Postponed till Old Georgetown Board meeting 11 July 1996 at the request of applicant.

O.G. 96-91 HPA. 96-218	1694 31st Street, N.W. William Seidman Residence	Addition of iron railing - permit

STATUS: On HOLD for Old Georgetown Board meeting 11 July 1996 for further discussion with applicant.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 96-93 HPA. 96-220	3032 N Street, N.W. James D'Orta Residence	Renovation and rear alteration - permit

STATUS: On HOLD for Old Georgetown Board meeting 11 July 1996 for further discussion with applicant.

O.G. 96-95 HPA. 96-222	1524 35th Street, N.W. Convent of the Visitation Preparatory School	New performing arts and physical education centers - revised concept

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OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

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